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THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON
THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD AND PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE
MEDLEY FARM SUPERFUND SITE
IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
Tuesday, February 12, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.
Gaffney High School Cafeteria
(803) 469-2544

Public Meeting

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday February 12, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gaffney High School cafeteria, at 305 E. Frederick Street, Gaffney, South Carolina. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Proposed Remedial Action Plan including the preferred action alternative designed to address contamination at the Medley Farm Superfund Site. Other cleanup alternatives which were evaluated in the Feasibility Study (FS) will also be reviewed. The public is encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer comments at the meeting.

The Medley Farm Superfund Site occupies a 7-acre tract of land off Highway 72, about 6 miles south of the City of Gaffney. During the period from 1970 to 1978, textile, paint, and chemical manufacturing wastes were disposed of on the Medley Farm site. In May 1991, EPA conducted sampling at the Site and performed an emergency removal action in the following month. After negotiations with EPA, five of the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) agreed to fund and carry out the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Site. The Draft RI was presented to EPA in March 1990, and the Site was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) for a Superfund cleanup. Based on the RI findings, the EPA has reviewed nine alternatives for addressing groundwater and source contamination at the Site.

Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative for cleanup involves:

- Recovery of all ground water that exceeds maximum concentration levels and treating the extracted ground water prior to discharging to Jones Creek through an air stripping tower; and
- Soil vapor extraction in areas exceeding calculated soil remediation levels. If levels of contaminants in the extracted air are above those allowed by either the Clean Air Act and/or the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, then the extracted vapors will be passed through an activated carbon unit prior to being released to the environment.

Other Alternatives

Other remedial alternatives under consideration include:

- No action
- Treatment of ground water using carbon absorption
- Treatment of ground water using chemical oxidation
- Treatment of ground water at property line using the same three options listed above
- Capping the source areas.

These alternatives are presented fully in the FS.

Public Comment Period

EPA hereby announces a 30-day public comment period, from February 13 to March 14, 1991, during which time the public is invited to review and comment on the Administrative Record, including the Proposed Plan, RI, and FS reports. Selection of the final remedy will be made after consideration of all public comments on the RI/FS and the Proposed Plan, and will be documented in the Record of Decision for the Site.

Information Repositories

The Administrative Record, including the Proposed Plan and RI/FS documents, is available for public review at the following location:

• Cherokee Public Library 309 E. Rutledge Street Gaffney, SC 29340	Hours Monday & Tuesday: 10 am-6 pm Wednesday - Friday: 10 am-6 pm Saturday: 10 am-4 pm
Contact Ms. Anne Mosley (803) 467-3711	

Additional Information

If, after reviewing the Site information, you would like to comment in writing on EPA's preferred or other alternatives, or other issues relevant to the Site cleanup, please mail your written comments to:

Mr. Jon Bornholz
Community Relations Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30366
(404) 947-7731

Mr. Bornholz may also be contacted for further information about the Site, or for questions regarding the public meetings or opportunities for public participation.

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